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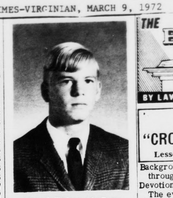

David Walton McCraw

Accident Claims Young Student

Appomattox has lost a popular young student, result of a tragic automobile accident early Sunday morning.

David Walton McCraw, 1971 gradate of Appomattox County High School was a student at Central Virginia Community College and a part-time employee at the Western Auto Store, Appomattox.

While in high school David was a member of the J.V. football team and later, the varsity. He was also a Junior Varsity and later a Varsity basketball player. He was a member of the Varsity track team, the Pep Club, 4-H Club and Economics Club. He was also a member of the Modern Woodmen of the World.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

GOD'S "CROOKED STICKS"

Lesson for March 12, 1972

Background Scripture: Acts 1:1 through 2:42
Devotional Reading: Acts 1:1-8

The events in Jerusalem on the first day of Pentecost were a golden opportunity for the earliest followers of Christ. A great crowd of people had gathered in curiosity. "What does this mean?" they demanded to know. Here was a great opportunity for the disciples of Jesus to tell them about their Risen Lord.

The only trouble was: who would do the speaking? There wasn't one accomplished speaker among the group of disciples. The people of Jerusalem were accustomed to hearing gifted and learned rabbis.

One Qualification

Nevertheless, Simon Peter stood up and prepared to address the crowd. Just a minute, Peter, before you begin to speak: let's have a look at your qualifications, EDUCATION? Almost none to speak of

OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE? Fisherman

BIRTHPLACE AND HOME? Galilee. (Galileans were not highly thought of by the people of Judah.)

PREVIOUS PERFORMANCE? Deserted his Master in the Garden of Gethsemane. Three times in the courtyard of the High Priest he denied his relationship with Jesus. He is thought to have watched the crucifixion at a safe distance.

CHARACTER TRAITS? Impulsive in action and speech. Blurts out ideas before he thinks them over. Talks a better game than he plays.

ASSETS? Unofficially acknowledged as the leader of the Twelve. One of the three disciples closest to Jesus before his death. Sometimes showed good insight into what Jesus meant.

In the light of all this, would you have selected Peter to speak for Christ on the day of Pentecost? Probably not, for his liabilities seemed to greatly outweigh his assets.

Yet he did have something that doesn't show up on our evaluation of him above: the Holy Spirit! By the power of God's Spirit he was made adequate for this demanding task and golden opportunity.

What God Can Do

One of the things Peter said in his sermon was that, though the people of Jerusalem had meant evil against Jesus, God had turned this defeat into victory. God can take the broken pieces of men's lives and make something beautiful of them. He had done this with Christ's crucifixion. He had done this with Peter's unpromising life. As somebody has said, "God can strike a mighty blow with a crooked stick!"

It is simply amazing what God can do with "crooked sticks" like us when we open ourselves to the power of His Holy Spirit.

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The Pastor Speaks

J. J. BOWMAN,
Interiam Pastor,
Liberty Baptist Church

In the twenty-ninth Chapter of Genesis, we read, "And Jacob worked for Rachel seven years and they seemed but a day, so great was his love for her." Three great ideas stand out in this verse, the value of work, the value of purpose; and the effect of purpose on work.

(1) Work is universal. We must work to exist. Eventually this ancient date Jacob [illegible] The flocks [illegible] and the many tasks after the sheep were formed. Many of [illegible] must have been shed but Jacob stuck [illegible] A winner in sp[illegible] discipline himself an[illegible] proficiency.

(2) Work must [illegible] pose. Jacob was not [illegible] sheep, he had Rachel. Every day he must [illegible] "I am doing this f[illegible] When we work wi[illegible] our outlook is chang[illegible] a lesson needed [illegible] The tasks we do [illegible] meals, washing [illegible] cleaning house is [illegible] ment of others is [illegible] Jacob did not mind [illegible] all for his beloved.

(3) When we wo[illegible] pose in mind, the [illegible] things of life take [illegible] meaning. To Jacob [illegible] seemed like only a[illegible] moves quickly wh[illegible] and happy. Think [illegible] hour in a bus station [illegible] to do -- how time [illegible] pare that hour wi[illegible] company of a dear [illegible] times flies! The [illegible] our motivation.

Like will take o[illegible] when we do our [illegible] purpose and motiva[illegible] love. This alone ca[illegible] daily lives meaningf[illegible]

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ABBITT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT PLANS

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"I shall always treasure the association I have had with the thousands of people throughout the Fourth District over the years and am grateful for the many personal friendships which I have developed. I count this as one of the most rewarding benefits I have derived from my long service in Congress and in retirement I will look forward to maintaining these relationships."

Representative Abbitt was elected to Congress on February 17, 1948 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Patrick H. Drewry who had served as Commonwealth's Attorney for Appomattox County sixteen years, between 1932 and 1948.

As Four District Congressman, he represents sixteen counties and the cities of Chesapeake, Colonial Heights, Emporia, Franklin, Hopewell, Petersburg and Suffolk.

Abbitt is dean of the Virginia delegation in Congress and is among the top 10% in seniority among the 435 members of the House. He is 4th ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, 4th ranking member of the House Administration Committee and one of twelve members of the non-partisan House Ethics Committee. He is chairman of two all important subcommittees and also serves on several other subcommittees.

Representative Abbitt has been active in the political life of Appomattox County and the State of Virginia for many years.

Born May 21, 1908, he is a graduate of Appomattox High School and the University of Richmond Law School. In 1964 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by the U. of Richmond.

While maintaining an active interest in district, state and national affairs, he has retained his active role in his own community, in civic and church affairs.

He is married to the former Corinne Hancock and the Abbitts have three children, Mrs. Anne Abbitt Kerr, Watkins, Jr. and Corinne.

BOARD REVIEWS SCHOOL EVALUATION

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gene Peyton said that if requests for federal funds are honored, there may be para-professional persons employed next year so that high school teachers may have one free period a day to prepare lesson plans and take care of other instructional duties.

Supt. Smith said that he and Mrs. Pauline DePew, guidance counselor, were investigating possibilities of a foreign studies program, with high school students spending a year abroad.

The board went on record to express appreciation to supervisory personnel and instructors for their diligent work in preparing the evaluation study.

Summer School

The school board approved a five - week summer kindergarden session, a reduction of one week from last year's program because of reduced federal funds. Supt. Smith said that pre-schoolers would still get the same number of hours of instruction through a change in daily schedule. The program will involve about 150 children with seven teachers and eight aides.

Easter Holiday

Supt. Smith said that if no more school days are lost because of snow, the Easter vacation may be extended this year.

New School

Opening for bids for the new county high school is set for Tuesday, March 21 and may be changed to an evening meeting, according to the Superintendent.

Five general contractors and several subcontractors have already indicated interest in the building program.

The board approved six school trips.

A discussion was held as to proper methods for sale and disposal of outmoded school equipment.

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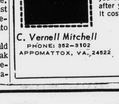

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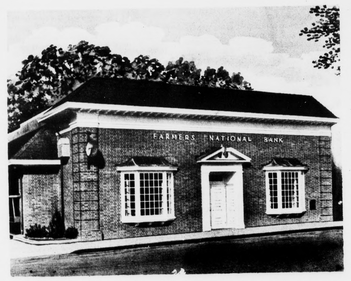

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Shriners Help Young Cowboy

Timothy Oliver Padgett, "Tim", (above) was born with a condition known as "spina bifida", a spinal opening that he has required six operations. For Tim there's another operation coming up on March 27 at the Shriner's Hospital, Greenville, South Carolina. Tim is one of six children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Padgett who live on the Stonewall community road, Concord, and the year old Tim attends Cragmont Hill kindergarten in Concord. For a boy whose life so far has been a series of hospital trips and fittings for braces and crutches, Tim is a cheerful "cowboy" interested in his school work and Sunday School at Early's Chapel United Methodist Church where his Mom and Dad are church members. "We can't praise the Shriners highly enough" says Mrs. Padgett for underwriting the enormous expense involved in helping young Tim.

Parents Invited

Parents of 8th grade pupils are asked to stop by the counselor's office from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 - 9:30 on Tuesday night, March 14, if you have questions about your child's high school program of studies. After the regular PTA meeting that night and the counselor is making herself available to parents who have questions for one hour before and one half hour after the P-TA meeting. Course offerings have recently been distributed to all 8th grade students so that they may make a wise choice of subjects for the next four years.

Parents are invited to call the school for an appointment at any office if they have questions and cannot come to the meeting. (352-8871) School counselor at AIS is Mrs. Bolling.

SCOUTS PRESENT CERTIFICATE TO RESCUE SQUAD

A certificate of appreciation was presented to the Appomattox County rescue Squad by Boy Scout Troop 546 in special ceremonies Feb. 29 to say "Thank you" to two Squad members, Bill Sperry and Abner Scruggs who helped teach the Scouts first aid techniques for a total of nearly 12 hours of instruction.

Bill Sperry, qualified first aid instructor and Scruggs, crew member, accepted the certificate on behalf of the Squad. The instruction helped the Scouts earn credit toward badges in first aid.

WANT ADS
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Modernistic Club

The Modernistic Club remembers some of our very good friends and relatives who are having a birthday in the month of March. We shall mention a few names: Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Mesdames Theda M. Harris, Lucy Tibbs, Lucille Martin, George Martin, Sr. Teddy Martin and Deacon Robert Watson. If we have missed any names send them in, and we shall mention them in our next writing.

Hope you birthday in March is one that will bring joy and contentment and every good thing and as for the year that's beginning for you here's hoping it's one of your happiest, too. Many Happy Returns!!

P.S. Little Leon Lawing and little Vincent Pannell were born in March too. Many Happy Returns to you. The sons of Deacon and Mrs. Leon Lawing and Deacon and Mrs. Jimmie Pannell.

Sunday proved to be a very successful day at Galilee Baptist Church. The morning service was well attended, and pastor Lawing preached an impressive sermon which was food for the soul.

The music was lovely from our guest choir. Tim was there with his great choir from Morning Star Baptist Church. The pastor, members, and friends enjoyed the music very much. We hope the singers will return soon.

Wesley Foundation Deputation Team

The Wesley Foundation Deputation Team of Farmville will present a worship program at Piney Ridge United Methodist Church Pamplin, Va. on Sunday, Mar. 12 at 7 p.m. The members of the team are students from Longwood College. The team is under the direction of Miss Malinda Ayres. Everyone is welcomed.

The church school was well attended at 10:00 a.m. The Sunday School lesson was well explained by pastor, R. Q. Lawing. The subject of the lesson "The Foundation of the Church" Ephesians 2:19-22 Matthews 16: 13-20.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Ann Patterson is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital, but proud to know that she is going nicely at this writing.

Sorry to hear of the death of the late Mr. Collie Patterson. Our heart goes out in sympathy to the Patterson family at this writing.

In and out of town: Mrs.G. Holmes and Mrs. T. W. Hamlet, spent Sun., March 5, in Blackstone, Va. visiting Mrs. Holmes aunt, and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butcher. Mrs. Butcher was the sister of the late Mr. Sydney Hawkes of Buffalo, N.Y.

See you next week!

STONEWALL

"I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers." Phil. 4.

Mrs. Nellie Krause spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. John Smith, and her family at Midlothian. Her neice from Boston, Mass., was also a visitor there.

Miss Frances Smith visited Mrs. I. B. Wheeler last Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs. Billy King and two boys and Mrs. Hatcher King were visitors.

Mr. S. P. Glover and I. B. Wheeler visited Mr. Lewis Jones at Gladys.

Mr. S. P. Gllover who has spent last two months with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler went home Saturday to stay at Amherst.

Mr. Bucky Gunter won a blue ribbon and a trophy at school Friday night. We are so proud of him. Congratulations are in order to him.

Mrs. Annie Horsley came home last Wednesday. So glad she was able to come. So all good wishes go to her. Mrs. Charles Judy is spending a while with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Judy, of Blacksburg spent the week end at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McCraw.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Staton from Indiana spent the week end with The Brafords and The Statons. So nice to have them come.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited the Davidsons home Friday.

CLOVER HILL

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalms 27:1

Rev. Howard O. Flood and family.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant Saturday night and had a fine time playing Rook.

Mr. Arvin Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, Rev. and Mrs. Moore and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell last week.

Mr. Eugene Cyrus is improving.

family were the Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berkley and family.

Miss Phyllis Sandra Berkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berkley of Pamplin, has completed her Nurses' Aide Course in Crewe, Va. Miss Berkley is a 1971 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

The William Singers of Rice, Va., will render a program at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Hurtsville, Va. the 2nd Sunday in March at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Gravel Hill Junior and Senior Choir and pastor, Rev. James S. Miller, will render a program at the Galilee Baptist Church the third Sunday in March at 7:30 p.m.

The Harmonizing Five of Burlington, North Carolina, will render a program at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church the third Sunday in March at 3 p.m. Come one come all.

HENNY PENNY HD CLUB

The Henny Penny Home Demonstration club will meet with Mrs. Dorothy Turner at her home at 7 o'clock Wednesday, March 15, 1972. Hope all members will attend.

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